They Do Their Own Decorating

Hyattstown Man's Eggs Thrill Kids In Hospitals

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The Easter Bunny, in the form of a Hyattstown man, has brought an early Easter to children in several hospitals in the metropolitan area.

Harold Weisberg, poultry farmer, has begun his 10th year of delivering eggs to children who are spending Easter in a hospital.

"It all started about 10 years ago," Weisberg said, when he and his wife had some large, double-yolked goose eggs that would not hatch.

His wife hard-boiled the eggs and then the Weisbergs decorated them at Easter time and distributed them to hospitals in the Baltimore and Washington area.

Since that time, Wisberg, with the help for several years of a Baltimore television station and the Civil Air Patrol, has been continuing his pre-Easter trips to the hospital.

Having no more eggs, Weisberg received this year's supply from a Woodbine fowl raiser, Henry Wessel, and made his trip to Washington, Thursday.

With 12 eggs, all unpainted, ("the kids would rather do it themselves," Weisberg said) Weisberg gave four each to the children's wards at Children's Hospital in Washington; the Bethesda Naval Hospital, and the National Institute of Health Hospital.

Friday, Weisberg took eight eggs to Baltimore and delivered four eggs apiece to Kernan's Children's Hospital and the children's ward of Johns Hopkins Hospital.

"We use to paint the eggs," Weisberg said, "but yhrough the years I have found that the kids prefer to decorate their own eggs and get a real big kick out of it."